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In midsummer of 1921 a call was sent out for a reunion of the Beebe Family to be held on Saturday, August 20th at Lakeside Park in the City of Flint, and eighty-one members of the family responded to the call. It was a most happy occasion and the opportunity to again meet the different aunts, uncles and cousins was indeed appreciated. It was decided to make the reunion an annual affair and for that purpose an association was formed with Mrs. Lucy Brown of Davison as the first president; Wilbur L. Beebe of Flint and Walter W. Beebe, of Swartz Creek were chosen vice-presidents; William E. Beebe of Parma, secretary and Bert Hartwig of Rochester, treasurer.

At this meeting the secretary began to lay plans for a family record and has since devoted considerable time in such an effort. Record blanks were sent to all whose names and addresses could be learned with a request for information about the family history and any other information which might help in compiling a complete history. Dozens of these blanks were filled and returned promptly but many failed to send their report or even answer the request. It is impossible to get all the facts unless we have the co-operation of all the family, so that I have been unable to get the story as good as I wished. It is, naturally subject to some errors, and if there are any, I shall appreciate a letter giving the correction.

William E. Beebe.
Parma, Michigan. August 10, 1925.

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A STORY OF THE BEEBE FAMILY

We find in the old records that Henry Beebe was born at Grandville, N. Y. Jan. 1, 1806 and died in Michigan on December 5, 1883. He was united in marriage with Miss Mehitabel Walker of Palmyra, N. Y., on September 11, 1831. To them were born fourteen children, as follows:

Warren S. Aug. 31, 1832.
Aveline May 12, 1834.
Marcus M. July 4, 1837. •
Armena, May 10, 1839.
Aveline April 5, 1841.
Sarah Feb. 13, 1843.
Silas, May 13, 1845.
Julia Ann Nov. 20, 1847.
Sanford Nov. 12, 1849.
Henry O. Jan. 25, 1851.
Charlotte March 7, 1853.
Byron J. March 11, 1855.
Lucy May March 3, 1857.
Cary August 17, 1860.

It is interesting to trace through the old records the family ties and activities and sorrows of these ancestors. We find that Henry and Mehitabell Beebe began housekeeping in Genesee, New York and here their first child was born, then moving to Elyria where a daughter, Aveline, came to gladden the home, but lived less than three years. Moving to the state of Ohio, two children came to them while living in the town of Parma and another daughter, Aveline, was born at Brookline, Ohio. In 1842 or '43 they came to Washtington, Macomb County, Michigan, and here six child-

ren were born, and at Hadley three more, making the total fourteen.

It does not take a very great stretch of imagination to picture the lives of this couple and their family here in Michigan. Most of us are familiar with the old ox team method of locomotion which was not only the fashion, but the sole means of getting about the new country. We learn that grandfather Beebe plowed his fields with the oxen, dodging about through the stumps and then dragging and planting and cultivating with the farm tools we of today would call decidedly crude. He must have been a thrifty fellow to have cared for so large a family, but we can balance his task with the thought that in those days there was no need for expensive gasoline buggies, no patent leather shoes and tailor made clothes, and we fancy the high cost of living had not yet reached Michigan, for they used to raise most of their living instead of buying it in tin cans from the store. Sugar was made from the maples early in the spring and soap after butchering in the fall. It was more than forty miles from the home in Macomb County to Detroit and that is the distance grandfather Beebe and all his neighbors had to go to mill, for in those days each farmer hauled his own wheat to the grist mill and took back enough flour to supply his needs until the next harvest, selling the balance to get other supplies.

Warren S. Beebe, the oldest son of Henry and Mehitabel Beebe, was unit-

ed in marriage with Ruth Collins and to them were born ten children:

Ada A. (Olmstead) Dec. 28, 1853, died May 16, 1923.

Martha A. (Green) March 6, 1859, died April 3, 1916.

Ethan J. April 9, 1861, present address, Vassar, Michigan.

William Mc., October 6, 1863, address unknown.

Frank J. May 28, 1865, Mayville, Michigan.

James Darwin, Feb. 24, 1869, Scobey Montana.

Clara E. (Jones) July 12, 1871, Flint Michigan.

Cora Eunice (Dalby) Nov. 3, 1874, Caro, Michigan.

Arthur O., Aug. 25, 1877, Scobey, Montana.

Of these children we find the following records: Ada A. married William F. Olmsted and to them were born eight children, Jennie, Jan. 1, 1876, died June 30, 1880. Ruth (Mrs. Andrew Harry Reeve) 118 Maple Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif; Ida (No record); Myrtie (Mrs. Lewis Baldwin) Lapeer, Michigan; William. Washington St. Lapeer, Michigan; Jessie Feb. 8, 1886. No further record. Fred R., Dec. 28, 1889. 228 W. Dayton St. Flint. Two children, Frances Mary, Aug 12, 1918 Van Dregge, April 13, 1921. Elizabeth M, Sept. 12, 1890. Calvin, Jan. 31, 1893. Lapeer, Michigan.

Martha married Chas. P. Green. Died April 3, 1916. No record of children.

Ethan J. married Miss Ora R. Smith

of Richfield, Michigan. Now lives at Vassar, Michigan. They have one son. Arthur Smith Beebe, born July 2^d. 1908.

William Beebe is a mechanic and we do not know his present address.

Frank J. married Miss L. Ethelyn Bove and they live at Mayville, Mich. Seven children, all living; Ruth, born Jan. 8, 1908; Elizabeth Irene, Jan. 23, 1910; Warren James, Feb. 8, 1913; Ethelyn Almeda, Oct. 30, 1913; Mar. Sabia, March 2, 1918; Frank M. March 4, 1920 and Oliver N. November 25, 1922.

James Darwin, lives at Scobey, Montana.

Clara E. married Howard Grant Jones. Her present address is 111 W. 6th St. Flint, Michigan. Three children, Margaret, March 25, 1896; Harold Darwin, May 3, 1899 and Mary Alice (Bronson) Sept. 27, 1902, address, Clio, Michigan.

Cora Eunice married Charles C. Dalby and they live at Caro, Mich. Two children, Carl Darwin, Oct. 12, 1902 and Bertha Elizabeth, Sept. 10, 1904, both at home.

Arthur O. Beebe lives at Scobey, Montana.

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The next of the old family of whom we can find record is Armena. who married Abel Myers. They had three children, Mary (Sours) born Feb. 1, 1859, now living at Leonard, Michigan. Bertha, born May 14, 1864 and died Aug. 15, 1866; Lizzie born May 4, 1869 and died Sept. 16, 1919. Lizzie mar-

nied Fred W. Harris, whose present address is Waterbury, Conn. He has one son, H. W. Harris who has two children, Helen Ruth, Feb. 11, 1917, and Grace Audrey, Dec. 16, 1918.

Aveline Beebe married Carl G. H. Hartwig. They had two children, Albert B. June 10, 1862 and Lottie A. Oct. 19, 1871. Albert B. married Ella P. Woodard and their present address is Rochester, Mich. Two sons, Carl H., March 13, 1893 and Max A. Dec. 13, 1895. Max married Miss Lillian O'Brien and they have one child, Neal B. March 22, 1923. Lottie A. Hartwig married Frank C. Peacock and they live at Corunna, Michigan. Three children, Erwin H. Aug. 24, 1893; Dr. Lee W. May 5, 1896 and Glen H. July 27, 1907.

Sarah Beebe married Isaac Gregory and for many years they lived on a farm near Hadley. They had three children, Nettie (Earhart) Dec. 10, 1864. Dolphus M., March 27, 1869 and one child who died in infancy. Nelson and Nettie Earhart had two sons, Owen D. Oct. 30, 1890 and Mark G. Aug. 11, 1894. Owen D. married Miss Lulu Morton and lives at Hadley. Mark G. married Ethel S. Hodgson and has one child, Mark Junior, April 3, 1924. At home, Hadley.

My father, Silas Beebe, went just across the road for his bride and married a playmate, Sarah Hannah. To them were born eight children:

Henry J. July 17, 1875. Married and lives at Davison, Michigan.

Two children died in infancy.

William E. born May 2, 1884. Married and lives at Parma, Michigan. Three children, Gladys A., April 7, 1908, Robert L., September 27, 1913; Donald E., August 22, 1915.

Alda M. Aug. 4, 1886 married Rev. Earl I. Prosser and lives at Bear Lake Michigan. Two daughters, Ruth Miriam, Nov. 4, 1913, and Pauline Esther, Feb. 7, 1919.

Frances E. April 27, 1889 married LeRoy F. Dean. Address, 914 Mack Ave., Flint, Mich. Two children, Phyllis Patricia, Dec. 29, 1917 and Le Roy F., Jr. Aug. 11, 1922.

Nina Edith, May 28, 1891 married Wilbur LeRoy Miller and lives at 1217 Mack Ave., Flint. Two children. Maude Eleanor, Oct. 4, 1921 and Wilbur, Jr., Aug. 28, 1923.

Howard S. June 26, 1892, married Alice Call and lives in Pontiac. Two children, Barbara Jane, Sept. 19, 1919 and Jack Call, Mar. 16, 1922.

Henry Oren Beebe married Barbara Schafer, born March 9, 1848. One child, Nora Barbara Beebe, Oct. 29, 1876. Address, 530 Sixth St., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Byron John Beebe married Polly M. Brooks and for many years lived on a farm near Portland Michigan.. Some years ago they moved to the village of Portland. Aunt Polly was burned to death in a fire at her home on Feb. 10

1923. They had two children, Carrie B. Nov. 16, 1883 married John Hornor and they live near Portland. Claude June 23, 1885 married Bertha Briggs and to them were born two daughters, Thelma Ione, Nov. 10, 1907 and Gertrude Luella, Apr. 29, 1911. Claude died December 12, 1919. His wife and two daughters and Uncle Byron all live together at Portland.

Lucy May Beebe married Stephen Nichols and to them was born one daughter, Effie, March 27, 1883. Stephen died about 1895. Lucy some years later married William H. Brown and for many years they made their home in Davison. Mrs. Brown was killed in an auto accident near Davison on September 19, 1921. Mr. Brown still makes his home at Davison. Effie Nichols married Arthur Walter and they have two children, Donald, Nov. 21, 1899, and Ruth, Oct. 1, 1905. Donald Walter married Miss Marie Butler.

In searching for information about the old families it came to our knowledge that a certain Clarence Beebe in New York City had compiled a book of genealogy of the Beebe Family. This was reported at the annual reunion of our family at Flint in 1923 and a collection taken with which the secretary was to get copies of these books. They were ordered and we now have them as part of our records.

We have found it almost impossible to connect up the Beebes of today

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with those whose records are in the book. This is because there is no accurate record available and most of the older ones whose memories could give the information have passed on. It is interesting, however to study the book. We find that the author has been able to trace his ancestors back to John Beebe, who lived in 1650. He made a trip to the village of Broughton, England, in 1921 and was able to find the old home and secured a picture of it for his book. Also a picture of the old Beebe Coat of Arms. He carries in the book a bit of humor in stating that possibly the Beebes are descendants of Egyptian royalty, one of Kings of the Second Dynasty in Egypt, date about 3000 B. C. was Bebi, so that it is possible that those who have helped in making this record may some time be rewarded should they did up a Beebe in Egypt whose tomb reveals as much wealth as King Tut.

In searching the old records we find the given names of many we know today have been common in the family for many generations. The name Henry appears 20 times, Mary 44, Silas 6, William 41, Charles 27 and others from three to a dozen times.

A clipping from the Lapeer Press of September, 1922 and written by some member of the Beebe families who live in that section of the state is interesting. It states that the Beebes are descended from the old houses of the Tudors and Stuarts of England. Henry Tudor was crowned

King Henry the Seventh in 1485, on the battlefield of Bosworth. Margaret, daughter of Henry VII., married James Stuart who was King James the 4th, of Scotland. The great-granddaughter of Henry and Margaret Lady Jane Grey, was crowned queen of England and ten days afterward imprisoned by her cousin, Mary, who took the throne. Jane was afterward beheaded. That is where the ancestors of the Beebe family left England they being defeated in the strife for the throne, had to leave the country or lose their heads, so they took what jewels and gold they could carry with them and went to France, changing their name, and afterward migrated to America. Three brothers came to this country. One settled in Vermont one in New York and one in Canada. The one in New York had the family records that were burned. Now it seems that the one in Canada did not know where the other two were, neither did they know his whereabouts, as will be shown hereafter, and they did not dare to prove their claims in England till after this country became free and the records were destroyed before they ever got together.

Henry Beebe, Putnam Beebe, Parley Beebe and Accorden Beebe are the descendants of the Vermont brother. Lucilia, Henry, Charley, Ephraim, Francis, Cornelia, Byron, Edwin and Clifford were the children of Henry Beebe. Henry, Loisa, Melvin and Oscar were the children of Putnam Beebe.

Parley had but one child, a daughter, Alice. Accordian had four: Frank, Robert, Henry and George.

Parley, Henry and Putnam came to Michigan and settled in Lapceer, Genesee and Saginaw counties.

The letters written by the secretaries in his endeavor to get information has brought many new acquaintances and advances the thought that while it is said that the world is pretty small, yet we do not even know the members of our own families beyond the line of possibly brothers and sisters. Some have very kindly given a wealth of information and which we appreciate, and in it we can read of the happiness and sorrows that have come to some of the families. It was with a deep feeling of sympathy that we read of the death of five children in the family of Edmond and Naomi Beebe, all being the victims of Black Diphtheria and dying within three weeks. In the same mail came a newspaper clipping telling of the death of "Grandma" Lorena Beebe of Orion, who lacked but a few days of having reached her 107th birthday. It said that the aged lady was very alert and active of mind until a short time before passing away.

Being unable to give complete records of families at this time, I shall give as much as possible, with the hope that any who can do so will write and assist in making these records complete.

Lester L. Beebe, (wife Nancy C. Emery) 5 children, Walter W., Jan 7, 1877, Alderwood Manor, Wash. Robert L., Sept. 2, 1878, Belding, Mich. Guy E., June 14, 1880, Roscommon, Michigan. Agnes E. Oct 6, 1883, died May 14, 1888. Blanche M. May 30, 1885, Greenville, Michigan.

Harley Beebe, son of Byron Beebe. Dec. 19, 1875. (Wife Genevieve Andrews) 1032 Stevens St. Flint, Mich. Five children, Clare Robertson, 143 Euclid Ave., Detroit; Alice Gould, 729 Ann Arbor St., Flint; Harry Beebe, 1932 Stevens St. Flint; George and Edna at home.

Roxanna Beebe, born in Wells, N. Y. in 1814 Married William Young at Riga, N. Y. in 1836. Deceased June, 1846. Four sons and daughters: Rachel M. (Knapp) 1838, deceased at Girard, Mich. 1894. William Young 1841, died 1841. Sarah Jane Young, Apr. 1843, died Shelby. N. Y. 1851. William Henry Young, Apr. 1846, died July 1846.

Silas Beebe, May 29, 1785 (wife Lovina Clark, Mar. 7, 1785) Residence, Wells, Rutland Co. Vt. Eight children, Smamtha. Betsy, Uriah, Roxanna, Luman, Silas, Jr, Ann Eliza and another Silas, the first having died in infancy.

Ada M, Beebe (Hinsdale) Oct. 15, 1892. Three children, Lulu Marie Hinsdale, Oct. 6, 1916; Irene L. Dec. 17, 1918; Marion O., Dec. 1, 1920.

Luman Beebe, June 11, 1817 (wife Elizabeth Moon, June 14, 1827) Four children: Silas, Nov. 11, 1849. Address

Melbourne, Australia; Lovina (Newman) Feb. 28, 1852, Oxford, Mich. Luman, Jr. July 14, 1858, deceased 1859; Libbie (Baldwin) Sept. 11, 1861 Orion, Michigan.

Hiriam W. Beebe, June 25, 1854 (wife Catherine Emery, March 26, 1857) Six children; Alexander H. April 8, 1881; S. K. Aug. 2, 1883, deceased Dec. 26, 1918; Victor, Nov. 25, 1886. Blissfield, Mich; Byron J. Oct. 24, 1889, St. Louis, Mich; Ada M. (Hinsdale) April 12, 1892, Blissfield, Mich. Lulu, Sept 27, 1895, St. Louis, Michigan.

Alexander H. Beebe, April 8, 1881, (wife, Loral Sweet, April 25, 1887) three children: Hiram C., Apr. 30, 1906; Lela M. Jan. 23, 1908; Fae, Sept 21, 1923.

Byron J. Beebe, Oct. 24, 1889 (wife, M. Zona Quidort, Dec. 23, 1892, St. Louis, Mich.) Two children: Lola C. Aug. 7, 1916; Delmer E., Mar. 22, 1921.

Edmond H. Beebe, Nov. 1840; died Jan. 4, 1914. (wife, Naomi E. Bagley, Mar. 2, 1841, died Mar. 2, 1915). Seven children: Willie H. May. 13, 1863, died Feb 17, 1864; Addie M. (Brown, November 26, 1865, died Oct. 12, 1885; Elmer H. Mar. 31, 1868; died Oct. 27, 1885; Wilbur J. Mar. 18, 1870, lives in Flint; Florence A. Sept. 3, 1871, died Oct. 6, 1885; Viola L. Oct. 1, 1871, died Oct. 26, 1885; Johnnie L. Oct 9, 1880, died Oct. 15, 1885.

Wilbur J. Beebe, March 18, 1870; (wife Carrie A. Allen, Mar. 25, 1871) One daughter, Edna A. (Grills) May 7, 1893.

James W. Grills, Mar. 25, 1884; (wife Edna A. Beebe, May 7, 1893), one daughter, Jane Elizabeth, Oct. 7, 1919.

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